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Religious Situation in Malaysia Creates Tensions

by Dr. William Wan

Changes in the religious situation in Malaysia are putting intense pressure upon Christians there. During my six weeks of ministry in Malaysia and Singapore last summer, the curbing of religious freedom in Malaysia was a frequent topic for discussion and prayer.

The country's multireligiosity based on racial origins is one factor underlying strained relationships. The majority group in political control are Malays, who are Muslim by birth. The minority East Indians are mostly Hindu, while the Protestant population is mostly Chinese. In two areas a significant population of indigenous peoples profess Christianity. One state has a predominantly Roman Catholic government.

Also contributing to the tension is a strong movement among the Muslim population to transform Malaysia from a secular into an Islamic state. Under the constitution, the official religion is Islam but that in itself does not make an Islamic state. Malaysians are constitutionally given the freedom to practice any religion.

Freedom Curtailed

In reality the situation is quite different. Over the years, the Federal Government has amended the Constitution to allow for governmental promotion of Islam. Even before the amendment, many states in West Malaysia passed laws prohibiting the propagation of non-Islamic religions to Muslims.

As well, the discriminatory laws give clear preference to Muslims in getting land grants for places of worship. Recently legislators have also attempted to deny the use of alternatives such as stores or homes for worship.

The draconian Internal Security Act allows the government to detain citizens deemed a threat to national security. Recently Christian Malay leaders were held for propagating Christianity to Muslims.

The same act is used to ban Christian [illegible]

Understanding the Islamic Explosion

In addition, the Government has also published a list of words in the national language that are proscribed for use by Christians because the same words (God, gospel, prophet, and prayer) are used by Muslims in their Scriptures and public worship. In fact since March 1982 the Bible in the national language of Malaysia has been classified as prejudicial to the national security. Consequently its importation and possession strictly limit authorities. This action clearly impedes the practice and propagation of Christianity in the Malaysian national language.

Photo by Sheila Williams.

Dr. William Wan with College students Janet Redding, Dawn Brereton, and Thomas Chan.

By far the biggest problems are faced by the Muslim converts to Christianity, who are often in danger. Indeed most Islamic schools of law stipulate that a male apostate should be killed. More often than not male converts are ostracized by the community, driven [illegible] possessed and treated as [illegible] many privileges as "children of the soil," all these privileges are taken away because a Malay is defined as "one who speaks the language, practices the customs and is a Muslim."

At the same time, the state governments are doing everything they can to make it easier for people to convert to Islam. For example, one state passed a law lowering the age at which a child can convert without parental consent.

Freedom Sought

In the face of such pressures, one can understand why Christians are migrating in droves from Malaysia. But that is only the negative side. In the midst of pressure the Christians are far more united than ever before. Through the work of the National Evangelical Christian Fellowship and the Christian Coalition, many Christians are more determined than ever to struggle for freedom of religion and equal treatment for all peoples. In many quarters the churches are growing.

An exciting indicator of the health of the church is a new crop of indigenous theologically trained leaders who are engaging the society with courage and wisdom. We can stand with the church in Malaysia in prayer and help equip some of their key leaders.

Dr. William Wan is vice-president and academic dean, OBC. This semester the College and Seminary each welcomed a Malaysian student.

ASIA REPORT

Editor's note: The emphasis on Asian affairs in this issue grew out of visits to the East by two of our faculty and a member of the Board of Governors this summer.

This year Ricky Kin-Cheong Yung, '90 MDiv, was the first graduate from the Chinese ministry program at OTS. He is now on the pastoral staff of Toronto Chinese Community Church. His long-range plans include evangelism in Hong Kong.

Heavy Agendas Covered at Board Meetings

A number of important decisions were made at the September and October meetings of the Board of Governors.

Members accepted the two-year financial contingency plan presented by the Cabinet to deal with the 1990 deficit and the changing economic climate. A major concern was to avoid cutting staff and faculty, who already carry heavy loads. Administrators have cut $175,000 so far from non-salaried expense areas; cancelling the President's banquet for one year, making some painful cuts to the library's acquisition budget and rescheduling *Update* were among the decisions.

Bruce Scott, vice-president of Institutional Advancement, reported that donations to the operating fund are ahead of budget at this time.

Tuition income is forecast to be $125,000 under budget, but is slightly ahead of last year for this term.

New Members Approved

In September the following assumed positions on the 29-member Board of Governors: Mr. Gary Brooks, Nobleton, ON, Mr. Peter Gibson, Woodstock, ON, and Mr. Archie McLean, Woodstock, NB. All had previously served on the Corporation, a body of more than 200 men and women who represent the evangelical community to which OBC/OTS are accountable.

Campaign Timetable

The President reported that the Campaign has passed the "cash-on-hand" goal set for starting the Seminary expansion, with $1.3 million in cash received. The total in cash and pledges as of mid-October was $2.5 million, with $1.2 million left to raise.

Commitment to Excellence

The Board decided to wait for the building permit before inviting tenders on the construction. At press time the building permit still had not been received. The delay has allowed the Campaign committee time to improve the cash-on-hand situation. In early October the schools' bankers said that they would support an application for construction financing. They did, however, suggest that in light of the changing economic situation OBC/OTS try to attain a stronger cash position than originally was thought necessary.

This fall Board and Corporation members saw some of the fruits of the Campaign when they toured the renovated facilities in the residence. Residence advisor Jennifer Peers reports that students are enjoying the new furniture and freshly painted rooms on the third floor. She added that the carpeting done in the halls on the four residence floors has created a warmer feeling.

Vice-presidency Changes Hands

At its October meeting the Board accepted the resignation of David Pavey, C.A., vice-president of finance and administration, effective December 31, 1990. He started May 1987 and has made significant improvements in the financial management of the institution, in faculty and staff benefits and in the upgrading of the facilities.

The Board also approved the appointment of Bruce Gordon to take the vice-presidency starting January 1, 1991. Bruce Gordon, C.G.A., has occupied a similar position at Algoma University College, Sault Ste. Marie for seven years. Denise, his wife, has been a trustee of the Board of Education for five years. Mr. Gordon brings strengths in institutional planning and human resource management.

Chinese Ministry Faces the "1997 Crisis" of Hong Kong

by Dr. Milton Wan

Despite the current prosperity in Hong Kong waves of emigrants are leaving under the shadow of the "1997 political crisis." This tide of immigrants has brought new challenges to the Chinese churches in Canada. There are three areas of ministry which these churches need to develop to meet the needs of its people.

First, a healing ministry. Among the new immigrants, many husbands/fathers choose to leave their families behind in Canada and return to Hong Kong for higher paying jobs. Families are thus shattered. For those remaining in Canada, beautiful detached houses can never replace loneliness and broken homes. The Chinese churches in the '90s should be the place of loving care.

Second, a mediating ministry. Historically, the Canadian Immigration Acts of the late '60s brought the first wave of immigrants from Hong Kong since the Second World War. Most of

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Digest

New Focus, New Format OBC Missions Conference

The OBC Global Missions Conference is following the theme of "Urban Ministry," which the faculty is developing as a focus for the curriculum in the '90s.

Dr. Raleigh Washington, pastor of the inner-city Rock of Our Salvation Church in Chicago, ILL, will be speaking. Formerly a U.S. army general, he now devotes his life to supporting the poor and achieving racial reconciliation.

The new conference style will intersperse chapel sessions with missionaries teaching in the classroom on topics related to the course outline. Dr. Ebenezer Sikakane, missions co-ordinator, says that a Bible translator might teach in a hermeneutics class. Classes will not be cancelled this year.

Diversity Enriches Student Body

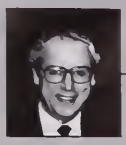
This fall, 525 full- and part-time students are enrolled at the College, and 398 at the Seminary, an increase in total of three per cent over last year. Students range from recent high school and university grads to retirees. Many come from Toronto -- in fact quite a few (more than 41 per cent of the College's day students and 90 per cent of those at the Sem.) are "commuter" students. Other students bring international points of view. Among the countries they represent are Japan, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Portugal, Senegal, Bolivia, Nigeria and Cambodia.

Canadian Theologians Establish Identity

Canadian evangelical theologians founded an autonomous evangelical theological society at a meeting held at OTS in mid-May. The Canadian Evangelical Theological Association (CETA) replaces the Evangelical Theological Society in Canada, formerly a division of the American Theological Society. Dr. John Vissers, chair of the executive committee and professor of Theology, OTS, said that the founders felt "there (was) something unique about Canadian evangelical identity and we wanted to provide an opportunity for scholarship in this forum."

Thank you for caring

In July Rev. J. Prendergast, director of the Jamaica Evangelistic Mission, visited the College as part of a trip to thank Canadians who did relief work in Jamaica in wake of Hurricane Hugo. Dr. Ebe Sikakane, OBC missions co-ordinator, Dr. Robert Duez, OBC vice-president, Extension Education, and Dr. Henry Friesen, recently retired director of field education, led a team of 25 students, staff and family to Jamaica in May. They built three homes and did ministry in local churches.



Wm. J. McRae, DMin
President, OBC/OTS

East/West Exchange

The centre of Christianity has shifted to Asia. What we Caucasian North Americans have been very slow to realize is how much we can learn from our Asian brothers and sisters.

The highlight of last summer for Marilyn and myself was attending the Chinese Coordination Center of World Evangelization (CCCOWE) conference for North America at Azusa-Pacific College in Los Angeles. It was my a privilege to provide Bible exposition for the English-speaking registrants.

Let me share with you three lingering impressions – things I believe the Western church can learn.

I was deeply moved by the earnestness and zeal to evangelize the immense Chinese community in North America. In 1950 there were 40 Chinese churches; in 1990 there are 800. They talked about having 2000 by AD 2000! What vision and dedication.

If the buzz word of the '80s was excellence, in the '90s it will be integrity. Both my wife and I commented frequently on the genuineness of the worship times, the wholeness of the view of life and their singleminded faith.

Asian-born, American-born and Canadian-born Chinese attended as delegates. I became very conscious of the cultural differences and the challenges this variety of backgrounds presents to the church. How refreshing it was to see this faced openly. Positive steps are being taken to cultivate community and promote oneness.

I'm sure you will be as excited, as I am as we learn together.

exLibris

GENDER AND GRACE
Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen (InterVarsity Press: Downers Grove, Illinois, 1990, 275 pp., $12.95).

The publication of Gender and Grace goes a long way toward defining both theoretical and practical Christian discussions on sexuality, humanness, and female-male relationships for the '90s.

Primarily a psychologist, Van Leeuwen, professor of interdisciplinary studies at Calvin College, brings to her demanding subject a broad research and field studies background from theology, history, biology, social sciences and law. Thus equipped she moves swiftly through a full spectrum of the issues typical of the discussion on sexuality and gender roles now washing through Christian circles.

While thoroughly examining issues raised by non-Christian and Christian feminists, Van Leeuwen moves beyond feminism to write on "gender issues": how as females and males, people can live lives of liberation, justice, faith and obedience. With this strategy she brings a fuller scope to the discussion. This gender emphasis may blunt the ire and rekindle the interest of those who are tiring a bit of the feminist debate.

"A Christian," says Van Leeuwen in her opening chapter, "is a saved one who is Spirit-filled in order to become a sent one. And a Christian feminist . . . is a person of either sex who sees women and men as equally saved, equally Spirit-filled, and equally sent."

Evangelical Christians will probably differ on whether this definition, which seems so worthy and gentle on the surface, is not so broad as to limit its usefulness. But it will probably serve to keep the discussion open for a time even (especially) for those who see "Christian" and "feminist" as incompatible.

The reader who gets hooked by this thought, even in a tentative way, will move forward into some mighty intriguing ideas, powerful information, and challenging insights. What are we to make, for example, of her assertion that the particularly male sin is that the God-given mandate to both sexes to have dominion becomes a quest for domination, even over female co-rulers. Or of her claim that the particularly female sin is that the sociability for which both sexes were made becomes, for women, "social enmeshment" in which they "...use the preservation of relationships as an excuse not to exercise accountable dominion..."

The implications of these claims and others of the same striking quality will take the remainder of the '90s to unpack.

James Bailey is dean of students, OBC. He has a Master of Arts and Religion in Christian Thought.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

A public lecture by Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen, PhD, professor of interdisciplinary studies, Calvin College
"The Possibility of a Christian Feminism: Present Realities in the Light of Past Visions."
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The Korean Connection: Making a Return on Blessing

by Krysia P. Lear

Tom Hwang may not be in real estate any more, but he still enjoys doing deals.

Today, however, he focuses his drive on connecting Korean Christians with mission opportunities. Three years ago, Tom sold his thriving Toronto business to concentrate on a call to ministry. A graduate of the Seminary (MDiv '88), he is completing doctoral studies in missions at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL. This summer he taught at a seminary in India and this fall is teaching in the College's evening school.

Tom, who calls himself a "middle-man," encourages Korean Christians to take a greater role in cross-cultural ministry particularly to Third World nations. He says "We should take responsibility since we are enjoying the fruits of financial and numerical growth."

At the same time he stresses the importance of working with Western partners. He says that the North American church is still the leader in missions and that Koreans must learn to use its systems, experience and power.

A related interest is his involvement in the growing movement to train more Asians in Asian theological schools. Tom participated in the Asian Theological Consultation meeting in Seoul, Korea, September 1-4 with 40 scholars representing countries from India to Japan. About one-quarter were North American missionaries who have long term service in Asia.

Delegates discussed ways of making it easier for Asians to study at home under Asian teachers. Not only is it cost effective, but it is people effective because the teachers, who know the culture, don't have problems with contextualization. There are enough Asian scholars available, and delegates were open to continued co-operation with Western scholars who know Oriental culture well.

Many Asian schools are seeking accreditation, one means of assuring prospective students about high standards. Twenty have now reached the standards set by the Asian Theological Seminary Association and 50 more have applied for accreditation.

Another project on his heart has been fund raising for the Indian Theological Seminary, Madras, India, which wants to train 1,000 church planters by the year 2000.

As well, Tom Hwang actively supports Canadian theological training. He said, "My concern is that the Canadian Korean church make the connection with OTS because they are direct beneficiaries from this school." He sees this as another case of the benefits of contextualization because the Seminary provides Korean leaders for North America. (Last year more than 30 students from the Korean community studyed at the Seminary and College.)

He is a member of the Korean Commitment to Excellence Committee, headed by OTS grad, Rev. Kim Yong Chool, MTS '79. The committee has now raised nearly $23,000 of its $100,000 goal.

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them are well established in their professions and actively participate in Canadian society.

Now the second wave has come. Most of these new immigrants are totally unprepared to leave Hong Kong, but feel they have no choice as the takeover by communist China draws closer. Many in Hong Kong feel a profound sense of despair as though the end of the world were coming.

These newcomers resist integrating with the people in this country. As a result, unique sub-cultures are emerging within the Chinese churches. Therefore, the Chinese church ministers of the '90s need to be equipped with cross-cultural sensitivity. An openness to mediate the differences and tension among these sub-groups will be important.

Third, an equipping ministry. The fall of the Berlin Wall is a signal for the dawn of a post-communist era. One can expect that China will go through similar political changes before the next century. Then, it will be a golden age for Christian mission in China.

To be ready the church could encourage lay people as well as those considering professional ministry to take missiological training. So, when the "kairos" comes, Christians can join in and fulfil God's divine calling before the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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ONE ROMANIAN'S QUEST

Grad Inspires Search for Education

Long before he enrolled at OBC Romanian lay pastor and refugee, Jean Boldur, 30, had strong spiritual links with OBC through one of it's most distinguished alumni

Jean's quest for theological education was partly fuelled by *The Man God Uses*, "a very good book," by Oswald Smith, '12, founder of People's Church, Toronto. Jean read the book shortly after becoming a believer in 1977 at a Baptist church in his home city of Lupeni. Oswald Smith's challenge to come to Jesus when choosing a career motivated Jean to serve Jesus as a pastor

Jean's vision stood him in good stead. The search to get the education he needed took all of his commitment in the repressive Romanian political climate.

In 1984, he tried to get into the Romanian Baptist seminary, prospective students could apply only for every four years and there were just 10 places open. Then that spring he was arrested for bringing books and Bibles in from Hungary. A few months later the secret service police pressured him to become an informer. He refused and shortly after his application to the seminary was turned down.

He tried another route applying to emigrate so he could study in the United States. Four years later he still didn't have a passport to replace the one the police confiscated in '84.

In the same period Jean had to report monthly and even weekly to the secret police headquarters to explain his evangelistic activities. Authorities had accused him of working against communism because he used some Western material such as videos on Jesus' life

By '88 Jean had decided that he couldn't respect his government any longer and tried to flee. He was caught twice at the border, beaten, imprisoned and put on probation with his wages cut in half. On his third attempt, clinging to the underside of a train, he escaped into Yugoslavia. Next the determined wiry Jean walked for two weeks to get to Austria. From there he came to Canada as a refugee, sponsored by Highland Baptist Church, Kitchener, ON

Jean's first Canadian home was Windsor, ON, where he had friends and could do lay ministry in the Romanian Baptist (Convention) Church. When he asked about training, an area minister for the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec suggested OBC. Jean applied intending to enrol in January

1991 after he had saved the necessary money.

Then for once his timetable speeded up. The Convention's Toronto area minister asked if Jean would start school in September. The Romanian congregation in Toronto needed an assistant pastor and could pay him. Jean accepted the offer, though to make ends meet he must also work at the school and at residence for developmentally delayed children.

And once in Toronto, he reports with a wide smile, he did worship at People's Church and has found inspiration from another of Smith's books, *Passion for Souls*.

Of OBC he says, "I like it here. I like the teachers. Everyday we study the Bible and have a prayer time. It's really good." He feels comfortable as an older student and in spite of his schedule finds time for an occasional pick up game of flag football

Of his faith this Romanian Christian says, "You have to take the risk to trust in God, you know."

Photo by Sheila Williams

Pictured above are Miss Helen Hofstetter, secretary to the President, and Dr. McRae. Inset Dr. Donald Leggett, OTS professor of Old Testament.

At a recent chapel Dr McRae presented them with gold watches to honour them for 25 years of service. Both started with London College of Bible and Missions, which merged with Toronto Bible College in 1968 to form OBC. Dr Leggett moved to the Seminary at its founding in 1976.

Dr. MaRae spoke with appreciation of Miss Hofstetter's "incredible consistency" and encouragment in the past six years of working together. He then commended Dr. Leggett for his commitment to scholarship and practical ministry as well as his sense of humour.

In Memoriam

Board Members

On October 13, 1990, at his home in North York, ON, Mr. John A. McCleery, F.C.A., president of J.A. McCleery Ltd. went to be with the Lord after a short illness with cancer. Since 1964, Mr. McCleery served faithfully as a member of our Corporation. For several years he was treasurer of our Board of Governors and chair of our finance committee.

Dr. W.D. Edison Matthews, member of the Board since before the merger in 1968, died peacefully in his sleep in London, ON, on Sept. 6 1990. Dr. Matthews was a school teacher, principal and administrator with the London Board of Education. His commitment to the school went back to 1946 when he began to teach History of Missions at London Bible Institute (later London College of Bible and Missions.)

Memories of a Colleague

The name of Rev. Edward (Ted) L. Simmonds is well respected by friends and supporters of OBC. He is well remembered for his patented confession: "I am a member of the one true church." The reference was to the Anglican Church of Canada in which Rev. Simmonds ministered for 15 years before joining the faculty of Toronto Bible College. He began teaching on a part-time basis in 1953, coming on faculty full-time in 1954 and being forced into retirement by ill health in December 1977.

His love of teaching was rooted in Scriptures and especially the Old Testament. In addition to giving his provocative expositions in English Bible, Rev. Simmonds served as principal from 1954 to 1962. His health forced him to relinquish his administrative duties. At this point, he was succeeded by Stewart Boehmer who became the first president of the school.

In the spring of 1990 Rev. Simmonds began to experience heart problems. By the end of summer his condition had worsened and he was called to glory on September 13, 1990. His wife, Phyllis, preceded him in death in 1976. Rev. Simmonds is survived by one son. He is still affectionately remembered by those who sat under his ministry as a stimulating teacher with the God-given ability to make the Scriptures live in a most practical way.

Prepared by Dr. Robert Duez, vice-president, OBC Extension Education.

OBC/OTS ALUMNI *KEEPING IN TOUCH*

BIRTHS

Jordan Dallas to Keith (8Th '86) and Rose (nee **Janzen**, '85-'86) **Crawford** on April 26, 1990 in St Catherines, ON

Clayton Jedidiah to Tim (8Th '89) and Susan (nee **Priest**, BRE '89) **Davis** on July 8, 1990 in Toronto, ON

Benjamin David to David (8Th '86) and Lisa **Elliott** on June 30, 1990 in Cobourg, ON

Sarah Anne to Paul (8RE '84) and Jane (nee **Gibson**, 8RE '84) **Fabok** on July 18, 1990 in Guelph, ON

Chelsey Marie to Don and Rose (nee **Penner**, 8RE '81) **MacAlpine** on August 25, 1989 in Fresno, CA

Sarah Ellen to Kent and Karen (nee **MacLeod**, BRE '83) **MacLeod** on June 17, 1990 in Truro, NS

Timothy Scott to Al (8RE '83) and Kathy (nee **Boyle**, '82) **Gordon** on May 24, 1990 in Windsor, ON

Sherina Lynn to Brian (8RS '90) and Debbie (nee **Wright**, 8Th '86) **Marling** on September 24, 1990 in Toronto, ON

Elspeth Lorraine to Ted (8Th '85) and Lorraine **Reid** on April 13, 1990 in Collingwood, ON

(Son) Aatu Mikael Olavi to Ari (8Th '89) and Anne **Vehosmaa** on March 1, 1990 in Turku, Finland

William Benjamin to Willie (8RE '83) and Tanis (nee **Delf**, 8Th '85) Warner on January 27, 1990 in Toronto, ON

Susan Melissa to Martin (8RS '90) and Jenny (nee **Martin**, BSM '89) Alac on August 23, 1990

MARRIAGES

Rodney **Price**, 8RE '89, to Judy **Doney**, 8RE '85, on May 20, 1989 in Toronto, ON

Victoria **Staines**, BRE '89, to Robbie Spencer **Jaster** on June 30, 1989 in Toronto, ON

Robert **Brglez**, BRE '89, to Jane **Boon**, 8Th '88, on September 16, 1989 in Port Hope, ON

Tim **Evans**, BRE '89, to Kathleen **Ward** on May 26, 1990 in Orawa, ON

Richard **Prinsen**, '85 - '86, to Helen Jean **MacEachern** on June 9, 1990 in Long Creek, PEI

Peter **Bergs**, 8Th '90, to Darlene **Quant**, 8RE '89 on August 4 1990 in Guelph, ON

Jennifer **Jones**, BRE '89 to Brian **Simcoe** on August 25, 1990 in Woodstock NB

Paula **McLeod**, '85-'86, to Glenn **Smith** '84-'85 on August 25, 1990 in Sault Ste Marie, ON

Kathy **Enns**, '89-'90, to Tristan **Emmanuel** on September 29, 1990 in Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

Beverly **Unterweger**, MTS '89, to Ruben **Ramirez**, MTS '89 on October 6, 1990 in Willowdale, ON

Donna **Hyland** (MTS '90) to Richard **Gledhill** (MDiv '89) on October 13, 1990

DEATHS

Ralph **Hines**, '35, in Agincourt, ON, on August 17, 1990

PASTORAL

Rev Jo-Anne **Nichols**, BRE '85, serving a two-point charge in the Presbyterian congregations of St Andrews, Kars and Osgoode in Vernon, ON

Peter **Bush**, MTS '88, pastoring at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Flin Flon, MB

MISSIONS

Brent (MTS '89) and Lynn **Austring** are candidates with SEND International to serve in church planting in the Yukon Territory

Greg (MDiv '90) and Patti **Bryce**, studying Spanish in Costa Rica

Ellen Rae **Foubister**, BSM '90, raising support to go with IVCF to Moncton, NB

Ian ('70) and Arlette **McGrigg** on furlough with WBT in the Philippines

Don **Pickel**, 8Th '68, serving as church and campus representative with GMU

Bruce and Priscilla ('65) **Simpson** returning to Columbia after a yearlong furlough

Jim (MTS '84) and Michele **Wright** beginning a new ministry with a small church in Belgium

MINISTRIES

Andrew **Barker**, 8RE '87, serving as youth minister at Trinity Anglican Church, Barrie, ON, as of March 25, 1990

Robert **Brglez**, BRE '89, serving as assistant pastor at Asbury Free Methodist Church in Perth, ON, as of August 1990

Brigid **MacCallum**, MTS '90, is assistant to director at North York Crisis Pregnancy Centre, North York, ON

Rev Jacob **Small**, 8Th '65, serving as superintendent of Toronto Jewish Mission, Toronto

NEWS

Lena **Pumber**, BSM '84 BRE '85, received her Master of Arts in Teaching from Regent University, Virginia, Beach, VA in May, 1989 Presently teaching at Queensway Cathedral Christian School in Toronto

Stan **Hibbins**, BRE '68, received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL on June 15, 1990

Jo-Anne **Nichols**, BRE '85, received her Master of Divinity from The Presbyterian College on May 3, 1990

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Calendar of Events

All events take place on the Bayview Campus unless otherwise indicated. For further information on any events listed here, call 416/226-6380.

November 16	**Encounter OBC**, high school students visit campus
November 21-23	**OBC Academic Lecture Series.** Dr. Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen, professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Calvin College **Evening Public Lecture**, 7.30 p.m., **November 21**
November 29	**OBC Continuing Education Christmas Concert**
1991	
January 22-25	**OBC Global Missions Conference**
February 5	**OTS Missions Conference**
February 13	**OBC/OTS Day of Prayer**
February 18-20	**Ministry Enrichment Conference**, Dr. Archibald Hart, professor of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary
February 23	**Today's Teens Conference**
March 18	**Experience OBC**, high school students stay overnight

Writer's Scholarship Established

A recently created scholarship now allows the Seminary to recognize achievement in writing. The Norma Alloway Memorial Scholarship has been established through the Maranatha Foundation to encourage students to write for publication.

International traveller and communicator Norma Alloway, who died in 1988, wanted others to develop their gifts in communication. Her own lifelong activity centred in presenting the claims of Jesus Christ in a non-threatening, refreshingly honest context.

She wrote her first book *Join Us for Coffee* in 1978. *Listening*, a compendium of thoughts from the seashore, was published by her estate. *The Ponder Box*, a collection of articles done for a community newspaper from 1983 to 1987, is now in its second printing.

Norma Alloway had a continuing interest in theological education at the College and Seminary. As well, she was a founding member of the Maranatha Foundation, which, with her family, is behind the scholarship.

The first recipient of the $1,000 scholarship is Marilyn Draper. Marilyn, who is in the MDiv program, fulfils the dual requirements for the scholarship: high academic standing and recognized writing ability. She graduated from Carleton University's journalism program in '86. After graduation she edited and wrote for Campus Crusade for Christ.

Marilyn plans to move into scholarly writing to communicate her concerns. These include looking at how women can be freed to develop their gifts and encouraging Christians to get beyond tradition and clarify for themselves what they believe.

Faculty and Staff Notes

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Kevin Quast, OTS professor of New Testament, "Who is the Weaker Brother, Anyway? (Reflections on Romans 14)," *Channels*, Fall, 1990.

Mrs. Beth Posterski, OBC professor of early childhood education, "Today's Child: The Product of a Complex Age," *Canadian Guider*, September/October 1990.

Dr. John Vissers, OTS professor of theology, "Interpreting the Classic: The Hermeneutical Character of David Tracy's Theology in The Analogical Imagination," *Calvin Theological Journal*, Fall 1990.

Mr. Jim Johnson, OBC/OTS director of library, "A Christian Approach to Intellectual Freedom in Libraries," *The Christian Librarian*, May, 1990.

Dr. Roy Matheson, OTS professor of New Testament, "Stephen - from Death to Victory" in *Shaped by God's Love*, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Minneapolis: World Wide Publications, 1990.

Rev. Brian Allison, OBC adjunct professor in Bible and theology, *Analytical Studies in Apologetics*, Markham: Brice & Bensa, 1990.

Dr. Ian Rennie, OTS vice-president and academic dean, "Challenges the Canadian Church Must Face in the 1990's," *His Dominion*, March 1990.

Mr. Paul Friesen, OBC half-time professor of history, "The Saints in the Land: 1780-1867" in *By Grace Co-Workers: Building the Diocese of Toronto*, ed. A Hayes (Toronto: A.B.C., 1989), and The Red Dean: The Life and Riddle of Dr. Heulett Johnson in the *Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society*, April 1990.

OFF CAMPUS

Dr. David Sherbino, OTS professor of pastoral studies, Marriage Enrichment Seminar, Lakeview Bible Chapel, Guelph, ON, November 10, 1990.

Dr. William Wan, OBC vice-president and academic dean, leading evangelistic mission with Waterloo University Chinese Christian Fellowship, Waterloo, ON, November 16-17, 1990.

Dr. William McRae, president OBC/OTS, invited to speak at the Christian Life Conference, Gregory Drive Alliance church, Chatham, ON, November 18, 1990.

PASSAGES

Mr. Paul Friesen, MDiv, ThM, PhD (cand.) started at OBC as half-time history instructor. He was assistant dean of students at Wycliffe College and adjunct lecturer in history at OTS.

Dr. Timothy Quek, OBC part-time general arts faculty, married Bernice Goh on August 11, 1990, at Kingsway Baptist Church, Etobicoke, ON.

Miss Catherine Fitch, part-time music faculty, married Blake Bartlett, MTS '85, August 11, 1990 at First United Baptist Church, Moncton, NB.

Miss Julie McKibbon, started in September as external student enrollment co-ordinator, visiting high school students and youth groups off campus.

Coming Your Way

November 18, p.m.	**Choir** at Thistletown Baptist Church, Etobicoke, ON
December 2, a.m.	**Octet** at Auburn Bible Chapel, Peterborough, ON
December 2, p.m.	**Choir** at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, ON
December 2, p.m.	**Octet** at Hastings Park Bible Church, Belleville, ON

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INTERSESSION

January 7 - 18, 1991
Monday - Friday, 9:30 - noon
Ephesians 954 (2) James Packer

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Christian Introduction to Islam 888 (2)
Menes Abdul Noor
Leading Your Church Into Renewal 848 (2)
Robert Roxburgh

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Care Givers and Crisis Ministry 847 (2)
Philip Taylor

SPRING SEMESTER

January 28 - May 1, 1991
Monday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Counselling Issues and Approaches 563 (4)
Brian Cunnington, lecturer in counselling
Methods for Youth Ministry 595 (4)
John Wilkinson, professor of youth ministry
Introduction to the New Testament 522 (4)
Roy Matheson, professor of New Testament
Kevin Quast, professor of New Testament
Reformed Heritage 950 (4)
John Vissers, professor of theology

Monday 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Introduction to Preaching 641 (4)
David Booker, lecturer in preaching
Systematic Theology II 532 (4)
John Vissers, professor of theology
Wesleyan Heritage 950 (4)
Robert Buchanan, lecturer in Wesleyan heritage
On Being a Spiritual Director 742 (4)
Dwayne Ratzlaff, lecturer in spiritual formation

Monday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Exegetical Method II 524 (4)
Kevin Quast, professor of New Testament
Ministry in an Urban Context II 788 (4)
Rick Tobias, lecturer in urban ministry
Isaiah 614 (4)
Donald Leggett, professor of Old Testament
Music in the Church 558 (4)
Larry Marshall, lecturer in church music

Tuesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Youth Ministry in the Church 592 (4)
John Wilkinson, professor of youth ministry
Matthew 624 (4)
Roy Matheson, professor of New Testament
Christian Apologetics 638 (4)
James Beverley, professor of theology
Pastoring in the Chinese Church 602 (4)
John Kao, lecturer in Chinese ministry

Thursday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Elementary Greek II 322 (4)
Harry Hahne, lecturer in New Testament

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CREDIT DIVISION

EVENING PROGRAM

January 7 - April 25, 1991
Monday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Understanding the New Testament II BIBL 0104 B. Allison
Introduction to Psychology SOSC 0351 T. Quek
The Evangelical Heritage HIST 0345 P. Friesen
Acting Out CHED 0218 N. Hunter

Tuesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Understanding the Old Testament II BIBL 0102 R. Hiebert
Contemporary Perspectives on Women SOSC 0382 E. Davey
Galatians and James BIBL 0206 S. Thomson
Introduction to Counselling SOSC 0358 R. Dirks
Christian Counselling II SOSC 0362 B. Cunnington

Thursday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Theological Studies II THEO 0222 R. Duez
Child Development CHED 0201 B. Posterski
Biblical Ethics THEO 0326 L. Worrad
Hymnology and Worship MUSC 0365 J. Bell

February 5 - March 5, 1991
Tuesday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Sexuality and the Developmentally Disabled Person CHED 1000 D. Hingsburger

March 5 - May 7, 1991
Tuesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Christian Counselling III SOSC 0363 B. Cunnington

DAY PROGRAM

January 8 - April 23, 1991
Tuesday 9:50 - 11:50 a.m.
Understanding the New Testament II BIBL 0104 E. Penner
The Message of Amos BIBL 0202 R. Hiebert
Christian Themes in Literature II LITR 0272 E.Davey
Education and Culture CHED 0305 G. Bredfeldt
Youth Ministry CHED 0216 G. Mercado

2:00 - 4:50 p.m.
Integrative Theology II THEO 0322 R. Duez
Philosophy of Religion PHIL 0424 J. Franklin
Marriage and the Family CHED 0302 J. Unger
Exceptional Children CHED 0300 B. Posterski

DIPLOMA DIVISION

January 28 - March 7, 1991
Monday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Spiritual Warfare S.J. Brush

Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Leviticus J. Rush
Conducting a Home Bible Study B.& M. Bettridge
The New Age Movement L. Marsh

Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Luke J. Vold
Pastoral Care Issues for the 90s D. Russell
Evangelism is for Everybody M. Noble

Seminar
February 8/9, 1991
Friday 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Seven Laws of the Learner D. Collins

March 19 - April 25, 1991
Tuesday, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Numbers P. Havercroft
Jesus Historical and Present Attitude toward Women F. Wong
Issues in the Ministry of Healing and Deliverance L. Marsh

Thursday, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
John J. Vold
Biblical Doctrine of Heaven R. Unruh
Old Testament Survey: Law & History S.J. Brush

Saturday Seminars
March 23, 1991, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Preparation for Marriage G. Taylor/J. Brownlee
Making a Good Thing Better: Marriage Enrichment W. & M. McRae
Something for Singles M. Sherbino
Retirees - Preparing for the Exuberant Years G.& L. Stephens

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